

CHAPTER 30 INCREASED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE

Recently signed legislation provides for an increase in Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (Ch. 30 of title 38 U.S.C.). The following basic monthly rates are effective January 1, 2002.

NEW BASIC MONTHLY RATES			
TYPE OF TRAINING	FULL TIME	THREE-QUARTER	ONE-HALF
INSTITUTIONAL	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$400.00
LESS THAN HALF-TIME	Tuition and Fees, Not to Exceed the Rate of \$400.00 For Less Than Half-Time But More Than One Quarter-Time and \$200.00 For One Quarter-Time.		
COOPERATIVE	\$800.00 (Full Time Only)		
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$800.00 Paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	First 6 Months Second 6 Months Remainder of Program	\$600.00 \$440.00 \$280.00	
FLIGHT	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$800.00 Paid.		

BASIC RATES FOR PERSONS WHOSE INITIAL ACTIVE DUTY OBLIGATION WAS LESS THAN THREE YEARS, AND WHO SERVED LESS THAN THREE YEARS (EXCLUDING 2 X 4 PARTICIPANTS)			
TYPE OF TRAINING	FULL TIME	THREE-QUARTER	ONE-HALF
INSTITUTIONAL	\$650.00	\$487.50	\$325.00
LESS THAN HALF-TIME	Tuition and Fees, Not to Exceed the Rate of \$325.00 For Less Than Half-Time But More Than One Quarter-Time and \$162.50 For One Quarter-Time.		
COOPERATIVE	\$650.00 (Full Time Only)		
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$650.00 Paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	First 6 Months Second 6 Months Remainder of Program	\$487.50 \$357.50 \$227.50	
FLIGHT	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$650.00 Paid.		

BASIC INSTITUTIONAL RATES FOR PERSONS WITH REMAINING ENTITLEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 34 OF TITLE 38, U.S.C.				
TIME	NO DEPENDENTS	ONE DEPENDENT	TWO DEPENDENTS	EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT
FULL	\$988.00	\$1024.00	\$1055.00	\$16.00
THREE-QUARTER	\$741.50	\$768.00	\$791.50	\$12.00
ONE-HALF	\$494.00	\$512.00	\$527.50	\$8.50
LESS THAN ONE-HALF BUT MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER	TUITION AND FEES, NOT TO EXCEED THE RATE OF \$494.00			
ONE-QUARTER	TUITION AND FEES, NOT TO EXCEED THE RATE OF \$247.00			
COOPERATIVE	\$988.00	\$1024.00	\$1055.00	\$16.00

BASIC JOB TRAINING RATES FOR PERSONS WITH REMAINING ENTITLEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 34 OF TITLE 38, U.S.C.				
TIME	NO DEPENDENTS	ONE DEPENDENT	TWO DEPENDENTS	EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT
FIRST 6 MONTHS	\$702.75	\$715.13	\$726.00	\$5.25
SECOND 6 MONTHS	\$496.98	\$505.73	\$513.43	\$3.85
THIRD 6 MONTHS	\$303.80	\$309.93	\$314.65	\$2.45
REMAINDER	\$291.90	\$297.68	\$302.93	\$2.45

NOTE: Your monthly check may include a "kicker". "Kickers" are amounts contributed by DOD

(Department of Defense) to an education fund on behalf of individuals to encourage enlistment or retention in the Armed Forces, usually in specialized areas. VA only pays "kickers" to individuals authorized by DOD . If your payment includes a "kicker", the kicker is not increased but the basic rate is increased.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING MONTHLY VERIFICATIONS: You can now submit your monthly verification forms by touch-tone telephone at **1-877-823-2378** (toll free) **OR** connect to our internet site at www.gibill.va.gov and follow the link to the **Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE)** program. If your enrollment has changed during the month, you must verify your enrollment through the WAVE program.

If you want to use one of the methods above and do not want to receive verifications in the mail each month, call **1-888-GIBILL1** and the counselor will change your record to stop the mailing of paper verifications. You do, however, have to verify your enrollment each month in order to receive payment.

INCREASED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE UNDER CHAPTER 35

Congress has passed legislation increasing education benefits for trainees under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35 of title 38, U.S.C.). The following monthly rates are effective January 1, 2002.

NEW MONTHLY RATES FOR PERSONS TRAINING UNDER THE SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

TYPE OF TRAINING	FULL TIME	THREE-QUARTER	HALF-TIME
INSTITUTIONAL	\$670	\$503	\$335
LESS THAN HALF TIME	Tuition Cost. Not to Exceed the rate of \$335 for Less Than Half Time But More Than One-Quarter Time and \$167.50 for One-Quarter Time.		
FARM COOPERATIVE	\$541	\$406	\$271
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement Charged at Rate of One Month for each \$670 Paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP	\$488	First 6 months	
ON-THE JOB	\$365	Second 6 months	
TRAINING	\$242	Third 6 months	
	\$122	Remainder of Program	
SPECIAL RESTORATIVE TRAINING			
Accelerated Charge - Cost of Tuition and Fees in Excess of Entitlement Reduced 1 day for Each			
	\$670		
	\$210		
	\$22.33		
	(1/30th of Full Time Rate)		

MGIB-SR INCREASED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE

The annual cost of living increase in Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Ch. 1606 of title 10, U.S.C.) has been approved. The following monthly rates are **effective October 1, 2001**.

YOU NEED TAKE NO ACTION. However, if for some reason your payment for the month of October does not reflect the increased rate, contact us at 1-888-GI-BILL1 (1-888-442-4551). You can also contact us on the Internet at www.gibill.va.gov. Use the "Ask a Question" link.

NEW MONTHLY RATES FOR PERSONS TRAINING UNDER THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL - SELECTED RESERVE				
TYPE OF TRAINING	FULL TIME	THREE-QUARTER TIME	HALF-TIME	LESS THAN HALF-TIME
INSTITUTIONAL	\$272.00	\$204.00	\$135.00	\$68.00
COOPERATIVE	\$272.00 (Full Time Only)			
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$272.00 Paid.			
APPRENTICESHIP		First 6 Months	\$204.00	
ON-THE-JOB		Second 6 Months	\$149.60	
TRAINING		Remainder of Program	\$ 95.20	
FLIGHT	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$272.00 Paid.			

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